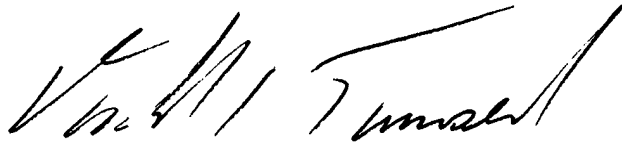
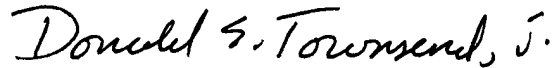


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MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS 5 and 6

Please substitute the amended Claims 5 and 6 for original Claims 5 and 6 as follows:

5. (Amended) A bendable bottom member, according to [any one of claims] claim 1 [through 4], wherein the beveled portions at the bases of the connecting protrusions are inclined in adaptation to the desired bending angles with the adjacent bars.

6. (Amended) A bendable bottom member, according to [any one of claims] claim 1 [through 5], wherein hooks are formed at the tips of the connecting protrusions provided with the disengagement preventing means while steps to be engaged with the hooks are formed in the corresponding accepting recesses.

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